

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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AKHMED GADZHIEVICH BILALOV,  
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Plaintiff,  
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-against-  
:  
HERMAN GREF, et al.,  
:  
Defendants.  
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**NOTICE AND [PROPOSED] ORDER  
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, upon the annexed declaration, and subject to the approval of the Court, William H. Taft V hereby withdraws as counsel for Defendants Sberbank of Russia and Mr. Herman Gref and shall be removed from the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) notification list in the above-captioned matter. Jay S. Auslander, Stuart M. Riback and Natalie Shkolnik of Wilk Auslander LLP will continue to represent Sberbank of Russia and Mr. Gref in this proceeding.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 13, 2022

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

By: /s/ William H. Taft V

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SO ORDERED:

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**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM H. TAFT V**

I, William H. Taft V, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a member of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (“Debevoise”), an international law firm with its principal offices at 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, counsel for Defendants Sberbank of Russia and Mr. Herman Gref (the “Russian Defendants”).
2. Jay S. Auslander, Stuart M. Riback and Natalie Shkolnik of Wilk Auslander LLP will continue to represent the Russian Defendants in this proceeding.
3. I submit this declaration in compliance with Local Rule 1.4 to notify the Court that I am withdrawing as counsel because the Russian Defendants have engaged Wilk Auslander to represent them in this proceeding.
4. Motions to dismiss are pending, and my withdrawal will not delay the matter or prejudice any party.
5. Debevoise is not presently asserting a retaining or charging lien.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 13, 2022

By: /s/ William H. Taft V  
William H. Taft V

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on September 13, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served upon all parties to this litigation via the CM/ECF system, and on September 13, 2022 will cause a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served on Defendants Sberbank of Russia and Mr. Herman Gref (with consent of the recipients) by email upon the General Counsel, Sberbank of Russia and the Deputy Director, Legal Department, Sberbank of Russia.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 13, 2022

/s/ William H. Taft V  
William H. Taft V